

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

SIGNIFY NORTH AMERICA
CORPORATION and
SIGNIFY HOLDING B.V.,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

LEPRO INNOVATION INC.,
LE INNOVATION INC.,
INNOVATION RULES INC., et al.
Defendant(s).

Case # 2:22-cv-02095

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE
IN THIS CASE ONLY BY
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED
TO THE BAR OF THIS COURT
AND DESIGNATION OF
LOCAL COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

[ECF No. 136]

M Joseph Fernando

(name of petitioner)

, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Alston & Bird LLP

(firm name)

with offices at Vantage South End, 1120 South Tryon Street, Suite 300

(street address)

Charlotte

(city)

NC

(state)

28203

(zip code)

(704) 444-1136

(area code + telephone number)

ravi.fernando@alston.com

(Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

Plaintiffs

[client(s)]

to provide legal representation in connection with

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since 8/28/2015, Petitioner has been and presently is a
 (date)
 member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of North Carolina
 (state)
 where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or
 from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular
 possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying
 the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District
 Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts
 of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good
 standing of the bars of said Courts.

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
North Carolina State Bar	8/28/2015	49199
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit	7/29/2021	
U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas	1/6/2023	
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas	7/13/2016	
U.S. District Court, Western District of North Carolina	10/29/2015	

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner,
 nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory
 or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or
 disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None.

1 6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give
2 particulars if ever denied admission):

3 None.
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6 7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

7 North Carolina Bar
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10 8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2
11 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

12 Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
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13 None.
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19 (If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

20 9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the
21 State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same
22 extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

23 10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of
24 the members of the bar of this court.

25 11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to
26 practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.
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1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
 2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

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 4 STATE OF North Carolina }
 5 COUNTY OF Mecklenburg }

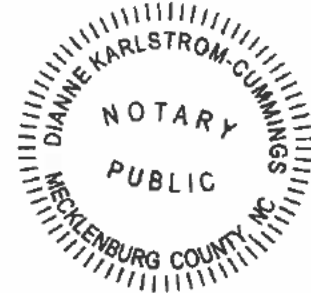
Petitioner's signature

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 7 M Joseph Fernando, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
 8 That the foregoing statements are true.

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 10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11 12 day of August, 2024.

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 13 Dianne Karlstrom Cummings
 14 Notary Public or Clerk of Court
 15 My Commission Expires: November 13, 2026



16 **DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO**
 17 **THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

18 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner
 19 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate F. Christopher Austin,
 20 (name of local counsel)
 21 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the
 22 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of
 23 said designated Nevada counsel is:

24 Weide & Miller, Ltd., 16055 Part Run Drive, Suite 100
 25 (street address)
 26 Las Vegas, Nevada, 89144
 27 (city) (state) (zip code)
 28 702-382-4804, caustin@weidemiller.com
 (area code + telephone number) (Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations
3 binding on all of us.
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5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

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7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) F. Christopher Austin as
8 his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.
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11 Aaron Rugh
12 (party's signature)

13 SIGNIFY NORTH AMERICA CORPORATION
14 (type or print party name, title)

15 Aaron Rugh
16 (party's signature)

17 SIGNIFY HOLDING B.V.
18 (type or print party name, title)

19 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

20 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.
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22 
23 Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature

24 6559
25 Bar number

26 caustin@weidemiller.com
27 Email address

28 APPROVED:

Dated: this 21st day of August, 2024.

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30 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE